

H.R. 1003, to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide, amended (H. Rept. 105-46 Part I).

Pages H1337-38

Recess: The House recessed at 12:57 p.m., and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions—Objection to Consideration: Objection was heard to the unanimous consent request to authorize the Speaker on Wednesday, April 9 to entertain motions to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 240, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1997 and H.R. 757, the American Samoa Development Act of 1997.

Pages H1294-95

Nurse Aide Training Correction: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 968, amended, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities. Agreed to the Ways and Means Committee technical amendment.

Pages H1297-99

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Rural Multifamily Rental Housing: H.R. 28, to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to extend the loan guarantee program for multifamily rental housing in rural areas (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 72);

Pages H1299-H1302

Household Food Stamp Eligibility and Benefits re Prisoners: H.R. 1000, to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits and the amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 409 yeas, Roll No. 73);

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Iosco County, Michigan: H.R. 394, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan; and

Pages H1303-04

J. Phil Campbell, Sr., Conservation Center: H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center.

Pages H1304-05

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Department of Transportation: Message wherein he transmits his fiscal year 1995 Annual Report for the Department of Transportation—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure;

Radiation Control: Message wherein he transmits his 1995 Annual Report on the Administration of the Radiation Control for the Health and Safety Act of 1968—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and

National Endowment for Democracy: Message wherein he transmits his fiscal year 1996 Annual

Report for the National Endowment for Democracy—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1306 and H1306-07. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Testimony was heard from Diane B. Frankel, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACCESS LIFE-SAVING PRODUCTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Product Liability Reform and Consumer Access to Life-Savings Products. Testimony was heard from Representative Gekas; and public witnesses.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Miller of Florida, Moakley and Sanders; Joel Eisenberg, Senior Policy Analyst, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1057,

amended, to designate the building in Indianapolis, IN, which houses the operations of the Circle City Station Post Office as the "Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building"; and H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, IN, as the "John T. Myers Post Office Building".

ZAIRE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on "Zaire: Collapse of an African Giant?". Testimony was heard from George Moose, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; Vincent Kern, III, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures, H.R. 1225, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code; relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states.

H.J. Res 62, amended, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations.

The Committee also considered a private immigration bill and a private claims bill.

OVERSEAS QUALITY-OF-LIFE INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on overseas quality-of-life infrastructure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Brig. Gen. Hans Van Winkle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineers, U.S. Army Europe; Rear Adm. John R. Ryan, USN, Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean, Commander, Maritime Air Forces; Col. Dean Fox, USAF, Civil Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Europe; Col. David Spaulding, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineers, VIII U.S. Army Korea; Rear Adm. Albert T. Church, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff, Shore Base Management, Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet; Brig. Gen. James M. Hayes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Smedley D. Butler, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Base Japan; and Col. Frank Destadio, USAF, Civil Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Pacific.

DOD REVIEW—GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICER AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the methodology and process which DOD used to complete the general officer and force officer review mandated by Congress in the 1997 Defense authorization legislation. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick Pang, Assistant Secretary,

Force Management Policy; and Terrence O'Connell, Chairman, Reserve Forces Policy Board.

ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a joint hearing on the Acquisition Workforce. Testimony was heard from Louis Rodrigues, Director, Acquisition Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Noel Longuemare, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; Darleen Druyan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Acquisition and Management; and Keith Charles, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Plans, Programs, and Policy.

LIVESTOCK GRAZING POLICIES— NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on livestock grazing policies on public domain National Forests. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUSPENSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a resolution providing that suspensions will be in order on Wednesday, April 9, 1997 and Thursday, April 10, 1997. The resolution provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under this resolution.

ETHICS REFORM

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue discussions on Ethics Reform.

Will continue tomorrow.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH COVERAGE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Children's Access to Health Coverage. Testimony was heard from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Systems Issues, GAO; Linda T. Bilheimer, Deputy Assistant Director, Health, Health and Human Resources Division, CBO; Patrick J. Purcell, Analyst in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator DeWine; Representatives Camp and Kennelly of Connecticut; Olivia A. Golden, Acting Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Jess McDonald, Director, Department of Children and Family Services, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.